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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DRAFT PROGRAM TRANSMITTED REF B WITH HANSPETER WEBER SEPTEMBER 10. PROGRAM GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT WEBER CONTINUES TO HAVE PROBLEMS DESCRIBED PARA. 2 REF A. HE FRANKLY CONSIDERS DRAFT PROGRAM TOO GENERAL AND TOO "INFORMATION TOUR" ORIENTED, AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS INCREASED EMPHASIS ON CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS ON SPECIFIC WAYS THEY CAN COOPERATE IN THE FUTURE. PROGRAM MUST ALSO BE SHORTENED, SINCE GERMAN DELEGATION WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL EVENING OCTOBER 4.

2. WEVER PROPOSES FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

A. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4: ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON AT 2100 HOURS ON EA 008 FROM NEW YORK.

B. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5: BRIEF REPORTS BY US AND GERMAN GROUPS ON STRUCTURE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, FOLLOWED BY SEMINAR-TYPE DISCUSSION ON HOW US

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AND GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS CAN WORK TOGETHER IN INTER-

NATIONAL YOUTH FORUMS AND AVOID TYPES OF CONFLICTS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN THE PAST. DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1) COOPERATION IN CENYC, WAY AND EYF; 2) YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI; 3) RESULTS OF 10TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL AND 4) POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALL-EUROPEAN YOUTH FRAMEWORK (SUBJECT BEING TREATED BY SEPTTEL).

C. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: CONTINUATION OF SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

D. MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 -- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11: ACTIVITIES AS PROGRAMMED REF B.

E. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12: STATE DEPARTMENT REPS, ACYPL AND USYC PARTICIPANTS, AND DNK IN WRAP-UP DISCUSSION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED OCTOBER 5 THROUGH 7. DEPARTURE OF GERMAN DELEGATION FOR NEW YORK, INCLUDING VISIT TO HARLEM CHURCH. DEPARTURE OF GERMAN DELEGATION FROM KENNEDY AT 1845.

3. SCHEDULING OF LUNCHEES AND DINNERS, INCLUDING SPEAKERS FROM US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AFL-CIO AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

4. WEBER CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES.

5. EMBASSY AGREES WITH WEBER THAT THIS SEMINAR, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS THE FIRST ONE, SHOULD EMPHASIZE SUBSTANCE AND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE FRANK. THE GERMAN DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF TOP-FLIGHT PEOPLE. IT ALSO WILL BE "BALANCED" IN THE SENSE THAT IT WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, INCLUDING LEFTISTS SUCH AS VOIGT FROM THE JUSOS. WEBER IS PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMAN AND AMERICAN YOUTH GROUPS IS IMPORTANT, AND HE BELIEVES THAT A SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR COULD HELP CONSIDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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-ABLY IN BRINGING THE JUSOS AND OTHER GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS MORE COMPLETELY AROUND TO THIS WAY OF THINKING.

6. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE WITH PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS PARA. 2 AND CONFIRMATION OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION ARRANGEMENTS ASAP. HILLENBRAND

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